

7 (a) Using ${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ show that ${}^n C_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

[2 marks]

7 (b) (i) Show that the equation

$$2 \times {}^n C_4 = 51 \times {}^n C_2$$

simplifies to

$$n^2 - 5n - 300 = 0$$

[3 marks]

7 (b) (ii) Hence, solve the equation

$$2 \times {}^n C_4 = 51 \times {}^n C_2$$

[2 marks]